

The Grapevine

September 2026

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Clippings from the Vinedresser

Grace and peace to each of you.

September has a special way of inviting us to begin again. The days grow a little shorter, familiar routines return, and we gather once more for worship, fellowship, learning, and service through our call by Christ and mission in the world. Whether you have been away for the summer, joined us faithfully each week, or are wondering if it is time to come back, please know this: **you are welcome here.** There is a place for you in this congregation, and we are glad to welcome you home.

As we begin this new season, I invite you to reflect with me on the words of a Kyrie that has become one of my favourites:

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, every day.

Kyrie eleison means, “Lord, have mercy.” It is a simple prayer, but it holds much of life within it: our gratitude, our worries, our hopes, and our love for God’s world.

The words begin by praying for peace in the world, for the health of the church, and for the unity of all. They pray for this holy house and for all who worship and praise. These words invite us to remember that worship is not only about what happens inside the place where we worship, Augustana Hall. When we gather, we bring the joys and concerns of the whole world with us. We bring the people and places that need God’s healing, peace, and care.

The Kyrie also asks that we may live out God’s compassionate response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth, justice, and grace. This is a beautiful reminder of our understanding of faith. We do not earn God’s love through good works. God’s grace comes to us freely in Jesus Christ. Yet, having received such generous mercy, we are free to love and serve our neighbours.

Perhaps these words can lead us to ask: How might we live out compassion in our own daily lives? How might we share food, offer friendship, listen with care, or make room for someone who feels alone? How might we speak truth with kindness and work for justice with humble hearts?



FROM OUR
PASTOR

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The Kyrie also prays for peace in our hearts and homes; for friends and family; for life and love, for work and play. God cares about every part of our lives. Nothing is too ordinary or too heavy to bring before God. In worship, we bring our whole selves: our joys and losses, our questions and our faith, our confidence and our need.

Finally, the words ask for the Holy Spirit to guide us, that our lives may be centred in Christ through the water and the Word, and that we may be nourished by Christ's body and blood. In baptism, God claims us in love. In Holy Communion, Christ meets us with forgiveness, strength, and promise. We are fed not only for ourselves, but for the sake of the world God loves.

As we welcome one another back this September, may these words stay with us:

**“Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way;
Kyrie eleison, every day.”**

May this become a quiet prayer on our lips and a compassionate way of living in the world as we enter into the month of September.

I hope to see each of you on Kick-Off Sunday, September 20th.

In Christ's peace,
Pastor Pamela

Sunday School



Welcome back to a new and exciting year of Sunday school. We trust you had a summer spent with family & friends and are rejuvenated and ready to get back to fall time routines.

Sunday School will be held on the first and third Sundays of each month. **We will start on Sunday, September 20th, 2026.** Students will go directly to Cana Hall to begin their lessons. We will offer three different classes this year.

One for students up to grade 2, a class for grades 3-6, and a Pre- Confirmation class. This one will be for those interested in Confirmation and will be led by John Molson, prior to Confirmation classes led by the Pastor. Mr. Molson's class will be held in Cana Hall during the service. If you have children interested in Confirmation (generally grades 7 & up) please reach out to Pastor Pamela.

If you would like to help with these classes, please get in touch with either Vickie Goddard or Lisa Bachewich. The more volunteers, the more we can do to teach our students God's word and all the wonderful stories there are to tell.

Psalm 119:105: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Pint Night

Join us for a fun and relaxed evening of connection at our upcoming Pint Night on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm: **Wednesday, September 23rd!** This is a great opportunity to step away from the usual routine and enjoy some good conversation, laughter, and fellowship in a welcoming setting.

We'll be gathering at Wendell Clark's on Simcoe St. N., where we can share some cheer, catch up with familiar faces, and get to know others in our church community a little better. Whether you come for the conversation, the food, or just a chance to unwind midweek, there's a place for you at the table.

There's nothing like a good get together with friends to make you appreciate life a little more.



Kick-Off Sunday–September 20

Kick-Off Sunday is Fast Approaching!

As summer winds down, we're looking forward to coming back together to celebrate the start of a wonderful new season at Faith Lutheran Church!

Join us on Sunday, September 20 for our **Kick-Off Sunday**, as we welcome everyone back and celebrate the beginning of another exciting year of worship, fellowship, and ministry. September always brings a sense of fresh beginnings, with many of our regular activities resuming.

During the service, we will share a special **Blessing of the Backpacks and Tools for Daily Living**, asking God's blessing on students, teachers, workers, volunteers, and everyone as they begin a new season.

Following worship, everyone is invited to stay for a **Barbecue Lunch** featuring hamburgers and hot dogs! Church Council will provide the meat, buns, and condiments, and we invite our congregation to help make the meal extra special by bringing a favorite **salad or dessert** to share.

All Are Welcome - We can't wait to see you on **September 20!**



Times and Talent Auction - RETURNS

The countdown is on! One of Faith Lutheran Church's favourite events is just around the corner, and we can't wait to welcome everyone back for the **Times & Talents Auction!**

Sunday, November 8

Immediately following the worship service

Join us for an afternoon of delicious food, wonderful fellowship, exciting raffles, and a lively auction filled with fantastic items and unique experiences.

Of course, the menu will bring back the **famous Pulled Pork Sandwich Lunch** that everyone looks forward to each year! Lunch will be available for purchase before the auction begins.

We're Still Looking for Donations!

Do you have something you'd like to contribute? We are gratefully accepting donations such as:

- New items or gift baskets
- Gift cards
- Handmade creations
- Event tickets
- A talent or service you can offer, such as baking, gardening, sewing, woodworking, photography, music lessons, handyman services, or another special skill

Every donation helps make the auction a success and supports the ongoing ministry of Faith Lutheran Church.

If you're out shopping or visiting local businesses and know of a business that may be willing to support our auction, we'd love your help! The Auction Committee can provide a donation request letter for you to share with them. Simply speak with one of the committee members to pick one up.

If you have questions or would like to donate an item, service, or business contact, please connect with any member of the Auction Committee: **Lisa, Vickie, Will, Debbie, Pamela, or Dayna.**

We look forward to seeing everyone on **November 8** for an afternoon of food, fun, fellowship, and friendly bidding!



Blessing of the Animals

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, CREATURES, AND CREATION AROUND US



October 4th is the day of commemoration for Francis of Assisi who died on October 4th, 1226.

Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

Many view Francis of Assisi as an inspiration and guide for those who protect Creation.

October 4th at 12:30pm, we will gather on the patio outside Faith Place, for a time of “Blessing of the Animals, Creatures, and Creation around us”, with Pastor Pamela leading this time together.

Please spread the word to friends and family, all are welcome as we gather again this year!

Blessings to each of you,
Pastor Pamela

Pre-Confirmation

Calling youth grade 7 to 11.

Starting on Sunday September 20th and meeting every 2 weeks, we will delve into the basics you will need for Pastor Pamela's confirmation classes next year.

Classes will be held in Cana hall during regular Sunday School time frame. We combine class work and service activities such as preparing and serving at Church and Residence activities (Christmas supper, Pancake Tuesday, Easter breakfast).



As a bonus, some of the time spent counts as High School Community Service hours.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me.

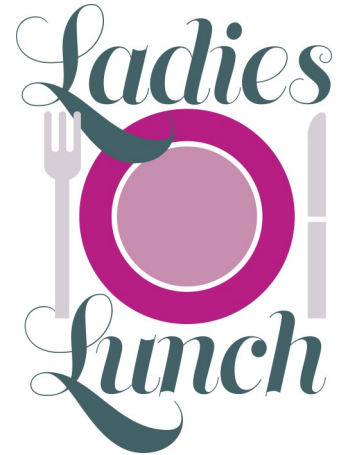
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Ladies Lunch Group

After a bit of time off during the summer, we are ready to get back to our monthly lunch for the ladies of the church. We gather at 1:00 pm on the third Sunday of each month. We meet at different restaurants in the Oshawa/Whitby area. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby, and it will stay up till the Sunday prior to the lunch. Our September lunch will be held on Wednesday, September 16th. Restaurant to be determined.

"Lunch isn't just a break; it's a chance to refuel and connect."
Unknown

Please contact Pastor Pamela if you have any questions at
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Choir

It always feels to me as if September starts a “new year”. In the church we have the September start back to activities, the new Church year starting on the first Sunday in Advent and then the New Year on January 1 in the calendar.

Activities will be starting and choir is amongst those that start up again in September. First of all, I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who likes to sing to come join us. We enjoy learning new pieces and resurrecting ones we have previously sung in order to enhance the worship experience of the congregation.

Our first practice will be on Wednesday, September 16 at 6:00 pm in the Chapel area. My aim is to sing on Sunday, September 20 – Kick Off Sunday. We will then sing through more pieces and join in the worship services throughout the year.

If you are even curious, come join us and see what we are about. We'd love to see you. If you have questions, feel free to contact Laurie at 905-621-2004 or laurieikeda@gmail.com

Let's Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!
Laurie Ikeda



Bible Circle

Bible Circle Returns This October

Bible Circle will begin again on **Thursday, October 22nd.**

We will gather on the first, second, and fourth (and fifth if the month includes one) Thursdays of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Augustana Hall.

You are warmly invited to attend whenever you are able.

These are informal and welcoming times of gathering, conversation, and reflection on God's Word.

All are welcome
whether you have studied the Bible for many years
or are simply curious and would like to learn more.

No experience is necessary.

Please bring your Bible and an open, loving heart.
A few Bibles will also be available for anyone who needs one.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Pamela.
We hope you will join us as we listen, learn, share, and grow together in faith.

Let's Get Social!

Your Social Committee has been a little quiet lately...
...but we're ready to shake things up!

Now we want to hear from YOU!

What kinds of activities, events, or outings would you love to see within the Congregation?

Have you been wanting to try something new but don't want to go alone?

Need a group for motivation, fun, or just good company?
We've got you.



On-site, off-site, daytime, evening — we're open to ideas and excited to explore new options together.

Drop us your suggestions and let's make this community more connected, more active, and a lot more fun.

Worship Leader Volunteer Opportunities

A Call to be a Servant of God in our Faith Community

There are many ways to serve our God, our church and each other. Taking the time to delve into the scriptures to reflect on God's Holy Word and the life of His Son, Jesus Christ is one way. Using the life of Christ as our model for daily living is another. Taking the time to understand and reflect on our God-given gifts and talents and how we use them is also another.



Finding our "servant" heart through prayer, interaction with other believers; and non-believers; stretching out to help others in need; supporting your church; and most of all sharing the Gospel of Christ with all those you meet will bring you closer in faith and to a daily walk with Christ.

Starting in September, we are going to try something a little different, as it pertains to the fellowship hour following Sunday Services. The **first Sunday** of the month, we will **NOT** be having a fellowship/coffee hour. This is due to a number of factors: 1) the current lack of volunteers, 2) the higher cost of providing the refreshments and; 3) the difficulty for some to carry the number of items required to provide the refreshments (to & from vehicles).

Therefore, until more volunteers step forward to help out, a decision has been made that we will make up teams of 2 with the existing volunteers, for helping each other to provide the fellowship/coffee hour. This will be for two to three times a month with the last Sunday of the month continuing to be a potluck lunch.

Responsibilities of the teams:

- be a little early to church to set-up Cana Hall for fellowship/coffee hour
- bring light refreshments (milk, cream, juice, cookies/cake, etc.)
- clean up after and put away coffee maker, etc.



Other critical areas that are needed for additional "helping hands" are for communion set-up/clean-up, communion servers and offering counters.

Why not begin this new church calendar year by renewing your commitment to serve God and your church by becoming more involved at Faith Lutheran? There are many ways to use a variety of talents and gifts within and outside of the congregation and the walls of the church building. Your servant heart and willing hands are needed.

We will be putting out a new 2026-2027 Ministry/Volunteer List for Signup in September.

Do you hear the call?

Blessing of Your Home

Luke 10:5 “ Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’

If you just moved or even if you have lived in your current dwelling for many months or years, have you ever thought about a “Blessing of Your Home”, the people who live within your home, and those who visit within your home?

Proverbs 24:3-4

“By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.”



Please feel free to be in touch with me, Pastor Pamela, if you would like to have a conversation regarding having your home blessed.

Wishing you all the best,
Pastor Pamela

Financial Report

Welcome to the new year of activities of Faith Lutheran Church. As of July 31, 2026, our financial situation is much better than it has been in previous years. Our year to date deficit (revenue vs expenses) is \$4108.16. This is mainly due to the wonderful fundraising efforts in the spring – flower sales, summer gift baskets and spring deficit campaign. Thank you to the organizers of these events – Debbie Stanko, Will and Lisa Bachewich, Vickie Goddard, Val Dugas and Pastor Pamela. Your efforts made these events a success and significantly helped in reducing the deficit. Thank you also to everyone who bought items and tickets and contributed to these efforts.

We are still significantly below our budgeted offerings for the year - \$8721.15.

Looking ahead, we are planning the sale of chrysanthemums in September. We are also planning an auction in November, similar to the ones we had in the past. More information on these events will be coming soon.

It would be wonderful if we could end up with a balanced record sheet by the end of the year. Volunteers for the finance (and all) committees are always welcome. Please talk to any member of council if you can help.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to support your church.
Laurie Ikeda, Treasurer

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September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:30am - Worship	7 	8	9	10	11	12
13 10:30am - Worship	14	15 6:00pm Council, Warburg Room	16 6:00pm Choir, Augustana 1:00pm Ladies Lunch	17	18	19
20 KICK-OFF SUNDAY 10:30am - Worship & Sunday School	21	22	23 6:00pm Choir, Augustana 6:30pm Pint Night Wendall Clarks	24	25 October Grapevine Submissions due	26
27 10:30am - Worship & Fellowship	28	29 1:30pm Finance	30 6:00pm Choir, Augustana		Counters 6—Laurie I. & Irv 13—Wendy & Charlotte 20—Irv & Laurie 27—Vickie & Charlotte	
Ushers: 6—Vivian & Bernie 13—Arden & Linda K. 20—Irv & Helen 27—Laurie & John M		Readers: 6—Arden 13—Linda K 20—Chick 27—Carrie & Hunter	Communion Set up: 6—Wendy & Carol 20—Laurie M & Julie	Communion Servers: 6—Arden & Laurie I. 20—Irv & Carrie		Coffee: 13—Vickie, Nancy P. & Valerie D. 20—Church Council 27—Potluck